Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 09 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 10 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 08 Mar 2021 at 16:37 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for details of cloud breaks on Tuesday. High for unsettled weather for the rest of the week.

Headline for Tuesday 09 Mar 2021: Rather cloudy, chance of a little light rain at first. Wet and windy from mid-afternoon, risk of higher summit blizzards by evening,

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 09 Mar 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Fog	Sunny intervals	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
40%	60%	50%	10%	<05%	30%	70%	>95%

Forecast for Tuesday 09 Mar 2021

Weather: Extensive low cloud and some patchy light rain, or higher summit snow, at first. Becoming dry mid-morning with low cloud mostly clearing from the west through the morning to allow some hazy sunshine. Low cloud, summit severe gales and wet weather will return from the west from mid-afternoon onwards. Some wet snow possible on the very highest tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%

Visibility: Widely poor at first in cloud down to 300 metres. This cloud mostly lifting off summits but some thin and patchy cloud down to 600 metres may linger across on southwestern upslopes Widespread low cloud between 400 and 600 metres returning from the southwest from mid-afternoon onwards leading to navigational issues.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	18/23 S	21/26 S	21/26 S	23/29 S	32/41 S	41/53 S	55/71 S	62/83 S	54/72 S
900	12/17 S	15/20 S	14/19 S	16/22 S	23/31 S	30/41 S	39/54 S	45/64 S	38/55 S
600	15/18 S	19/23 S	18/23 S	19/24 S	27/35 S	35/46 S	45/60 S	52/70 S	45/62 SW
300	8/13 S	9/16 S	9/15 S	10/16 S	16/24 S	21/33 S	26/41 S	31/50 S	27/45 SW
Glen	4/11 S	6/13 S	6/13 SW	6/14 S	12/23 S	14/29 S	18/38 S	23/48 S	22/45 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	0/-6	-0/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-10	-2/-11	-2/-12	-1/-12	-1/-11
900	2/-3	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	2/-5	1/-6	1/-7	1/-7	2/-6
600	4/-0	4/-1	4/-1	4/-1	4/-2	4/-3	4/-4	4/-4	4/-4
300	6/3	6/2	6/3	6/2	6/2	6/1	6/0	6/0	6/1
Glen	7/6	7/5	7/5	7/5	8/5	8/5	8/4	8/4	8/4
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1200m	1100m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1100m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Higher summit gales developing through the afternoon with storm force winds expected by evening.

Forecast for Wednesday 10 Mar 2021

Weather: Chance of a few snow showers in the morning in the north, otherwise mainly dry and bright. Thickening cloud will bring widespread rain, preceded by snow above 800 metres, from the southwest through the afternoon. Turning drier and somewhat clearer after dark, but still with some outbreaks of rain, and snow above 800 metres.

Maximum wind: Southerly gales on summits with gusts of 50 to 70 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 50%. Best chance in the morning.

Visibility: Good in the morning, but becoming poor in rain and extensive low cloud between 500 and 800 metres in the afternoon, although this breaking up in the evening.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 rising to 9 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 1 rising to plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 700 metres, rising above summits in the afternoon, dropping back to 1000 metres in the evening

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